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SUBJECT: MBFR: DATA EXCHANGE: SPC MEETING JULY 11

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1. WE HAVE TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL TEXT OF DRAFT GUIDANCE APPROVED BY SPC ON JULY 11. THIS MESSAGE DESCRIBES MAIN POINTS IN SPC DISCUSSION. ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARAS 3 AND 6 BELOW.

2. DURING THE MORNING OF JULY 11, WE DISCUSSED THE DRAFT GUIDANCE WITH FRG REP (CITRON). BY THE TIME OF THE SPC MEETING, BONN HAD AGREED TO ACCEPT THE US FOOTNOTE TO PARA 2 OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE RE TELLING THE EAST THAT THE WEST ENVISAGED THE PERIOD BETWEEN TABLING GROUND DATA AND TABLING AIR DATA AS SEVERAL WEEKS. FRG COULD ALSO ACCEPT "ARE PREPARED TO EXCHANGE" INSTEAD OF THE ORIGINAL FRG PROPOSAL :ARE WILLING TO EXCHANGE" IN PARA 2 OF THE DRAFT
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GUIDANCE. FRG PREFERRED ACCEPTING THESE TWO CHANGES, RATHER THAN AMENDING PARA 1 TO INCLUDE THE LAST RESORT FRG LANGUAGE ("DATA FIRST ON GROUND FORCE MANPOWER AND SUBSEQUENTLY ON AIR FORCE MANPOWER"). THIS APPROACH WAS ALSO ACCEPTED BY SPC. FRG REP STRESSED IN SPC THAT THE FRG DID NOT WISH TO HOLD UP THE AIR MANPOWER DISCUSSION IN VIENNA, AND THAT IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE AHG WOULD NOT HAVE TO COME

BACK TO THE NAC FOR AUTHORIZATION TO BEGIN THE AIR MANPOWER DISCUSSION.

2. FRG ALSO AGREED TO DELETE THE BRACKETED LANGUAGE AND BRACKETED FOOTNOTE IN PARA 1 A OF THE TEXT, AND TO TREAT THE INDEPENDENT DIVISIONS IN PARA 1 D, GOVERNED BY "AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME". FRG REP, IN ACCEPTING "MULTILATERAL" IN PARA 1 C OF THE TEXT, SAID THAT IT WAS ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IF THE EAST ASKS WHAT THE AHG MEANS BY THIS TERM, THE AHG WILL NOT HESITATE TO EXPLAIN THAT THIS WORD REFERS TO HEADQUARTERS OF THE ALLIANCE. AT BELGIAN REQUEST, THE FRG FOOTNOTE TO PARA 2 THAT THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN THE WESTERN POSITION ON COMBINED COLLECTIVE CEILING AND AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS HAS BEEN PLACED AT THE END OF THE DISCLAIMER IN PARA 3.

3. SPC AGREED TO DELETE ALL OF THE DATA ANNEXES FROM THE DRAFT GUIDANCE, AND TO CONTINUE WORK ON THEM AT ITS NEXT MEETING, THURSDAY, JULY 14. WE DISCUSSED WITH MBFR STAFF GROUP (GROUP CAPTAIN SMITH) THE US REQUEST THAT US GROUND DATA FIGURES SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO REFLECT 3024 US ACTIVE-DUTY GROUND PERSONNEL AT MULTILATERAL HEADQUARTERS. WE WERE UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHY THIS FIGURE IS SO MUCH HIGHER THAN THE ONE DEVELOPED BY IMS MANPOWER BRANCH (1793). WE THUS DID NOT INTRODUCE THIS FIGURE AT THE SPC MEETING. WE WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER WASHINGTON COMMENT ON THE ORIGIN

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OF THE 3024 FIGURE IN TIME FOR THE SPC MEETING ON THURSDAY, JULY 14. (IN ADDITION, WE WISH TO NOTE THAT OTHER COUNTRIES SEEM PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE FIGURES DEVELOPED BY IMS MANPOWER BRANCH, AND THAT INTRODUCTION OF A NATIONALLY DEVELOPED FIGURE FOR THE US MAY LEAD OTHER COUNTRIES TO INTRODUCE NATIONALLY DEVELOPED FIGURES FOR THEIR OWN INTERNATIONAL STAFF COMPONENTS, WHICH MAY RESULT IN DELAY IN AGREEMENT ON ANNEX A.) ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT IN TIME FOR SPC MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 14.

4. AT THE END OF THE SPC MEETING, FRG REP NOTED THE VIEW OF HIS AUTHORITIES THAT THE FIGURES IN PARA 1 C OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE CANNOT BE EXCHANGED EXCEPT WITH A PRIOR OR PARALLEL EXCHANGE OF THE FIGURES IN PARA 1 B OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE. CHAIRMAN (JUNG) NOTED THAT THIS WAS CLEAR FROM THE TEXT.

5. FRG REP STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF DELEGATIONS REMINDING CAPITALS OF THE FRG VIEWS STATED IN PARAS 3 AND 6 OF THE FRG PAPER (REFTEL) ON NOT GIVEIN THE OTHER SIDE A POSSIBILITY TO ARRIVE AT NATIONAL TOTAL INDIRECTLY BY ADDITION. THE FRG DID NOT INSIST THAT THIS MATERIAL, AND ARGUMENTS FOR THE AHG, SHOULD BE IN THE NAC GUIDANCE. COMMENT: FRG REP

EARLIER IN THE DAY INTENDED TO PROPOSE THAT THIS MATERIAL ON ADDITIONALITY BE RECORDED IN THE DECISION SHEET OF TODAY'S SPC MEETING. HOWEVER HE AGREED INSTEAD TO SIMPLY ASK DELEGATIONS IN THEIR REPORTING TO REMIND CAPITALS OF THESE FRG VIEWS. END COMMENT.

6. ITALIAN REP (SFARA) SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES BELIEVED THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD NOW REFLECT ON WHAT THE NEXT STEP SHOULD BE, IF THE PRESENT ALLIED OFFER FOR CONTINUING THE DATA DISCUSSION SHOULD NOT BE FRUITFUL. ITALY CONSIDERS THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY IN THAT CASE TO CHALLENGE THE EASTERN FIGURES; AT SOME POINT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO PRO-

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DUCE "RED DATA" IN THE NEGOTIATION. ITALY BELIEVES THAT THE SPC SHOULD BEFORE THE NEXT ROUND ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF AN EVENTUAL TABLING OF WESTERN ESTIMATES OF EASTERN DATA. FRG REP AGREED WITH ITALIAN REP THAT SPC SHOULD START A DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION SOON. ACTION REQUESTED: CONFIRMATION THAT THE US CONTINUES TO CONSIDER EXAMINATION OF THIS QUESTION TO BE PREMATURE. BENNETT#

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